

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 237A.12, the Department of Human Services proposes to amend Chapter 110, “Child Development Homes,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment rescinds paragraph 110.5(1)“a” and proposes a new paragraph in lieu thereof to require that child development home providers have readily accessible accurate emergency contact information regarding the children in care. Presently, there are no administrative rules that require providers to have a paper copy of emergency contact information.

A Notice of Intended Action proposing to amend paragraph 110.5(1)“a” was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 1556C** on July 23, 2014. That amendment was Adopted and Filed and published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 1, 2014, as **ARC 1636C**.

The Administrative Rules and Review Committee reviewed the Adopted and Filed amendment, **ARC 1636C**, at its meeting held on October 14, 2014. Due to concerns with the way the stated requirements were shown in the Adopted and Filed amendment, the Committee voted to impose a 70-day delay on the January 1, 2015, effective date of the amendment. The amendment would then become effective on March 12, 2015, rather than January 1, 2015. In discussion with the members of the Committee, the Department agreed to refine paragraph 110.5(1)“a” to clarify the requirement for contact information. The amendment proposed herein provides the requested clarification in accordance with the aforementioned discussions between the Committee members and the Department and, when adopted, will supersede the amendment whose effective date has been delayed.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendment on or before December 16, 2014. Comments should be directed to Harry Rossander, Bureau of Policy Coordination, Department of Human Services, Hoover State Office Building, Fifth Floor, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114. Comments may be sent by fax to (515)281-4980 or by e-mail to policyanalysis@dhs.state.ia.us.

This amendment does not provide for waivers in specified situations because requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department’s general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 237A.12.

The following amendment is proposed.

Rescind paragraph **110.5(1)“a”** and adopt the following **new** paragraph in lieu thereof:

a. The home shall have a nonpay, working land-line or mobile telephone with emergency numbers posted for police, fire, ambulance, and the poison information center. The number for each child’s parent, for a responsible person who can be reached when the parent cannot, and for the child’s physician shall be written on paper and readily accessible by the telephone. The home must prominently display all emergency information, and all travel vehicles must have a paper copy of emergency parent contact information.